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SUBJECT: INPUT TO DRAFT REPORT ON RATIONALIZATION/SPECIALIZATION-
CONSOLIDATION OF COMMUNICATIONS

1. THERE FOLLOWS BELOW TEXT OF DOCUMENT AC/281-N(75)3, DATED
10 NOVEMBER . BEGIN TEXT

EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP ON THE STUDY OF ALLIANCE DEFENCE
PROBLEMS FOR THE 1970S'

NOTE BY THE SECRETARY

THE NATO JOINT COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS COMMITTEE,
AT ITS MEETING ON 23RD AND 24TH OCTOBER, 1975, AGREED THE
REPORT ON CONSOLIDATION OF COMMUNICATIONS PREPARED BY THE
JOINT COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS WORKING GROUP (1).

2. THIS REPORT REPRESENTS THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE
DIRECTOR OF COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS/CHAIRMAN
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NATO JOINT COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS COMMITTEE TO THE REPORT
ON RATIONALISATION AND SPECIALISATION TO BE SUBMITTED TO
DEFENCE MINISTERS IN DECEMBER 1975.

(1) THE TEXT OF THIS REPORT WAS CIRCULATED IN DOCUMENT
AC/270-D/131, DATED 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1975; AND CORRIGENDUM
DATED 7TH NOVEMBER, 1975

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2. THERE FOLLOWS BELOW TEXT OF AC/270-D/131, DATED 29 SEPTEMBER, 1975
,
WITH CORRIGENDUM DATED 7 NOVEMBER INCLUDED. THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE
AN INPUT TO DRAFT REPORT TO MINISTERS ON RATIONALIZATION AND
SPECIALIZATION OF DEFENSE TASKS. BEGIN TEXT:

NATO JOINT COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS COMMITTEE
CONSOLIDATED OF COMMUNICATIONS
PROGRESS REPORT BY THE JCEWG

NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES WILL RECALL THAT THE NJCEC
ACCEPTED THE STUDY ON CONSOLIDATION OF COMMUNICATIONS LAID
DOWN IN AC/270-D/112 AND ADDNDUM.

2. THIS STUDY INCLUDED A FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME WHICH
CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS.

(A) THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES WILL BE INVITED TO COMMENT ON
THE FURTHER POSSIBILITIES FOR RATIONALIZATION IN
CENTRAL EUROPE OF EXISTING SYSTEMS, CO-ORDINATING
WHERE APPROPRIATE, WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, NICSMA.

(B) NICSMA WILL CONTINUE TO DISCUSS WITH NATIONS THE
AREAS IDENTIFIED FOR POTENTIAL REATIONALIZATION WITH
THE NICS.

(C) THE JCEWG WILL:

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(I) DEVELOP PROCEUDRES FOR MONITORING AND REPORTING
OVERALL PROGRESS TO THE NJCEC;

(II)CONTINUE ITS STUDIES ON THE DEFINITION OF TERMS
PERTAINING TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF COMMUNICATIONS;

(III) DETERMINE THE FINANCIAL ASPECTS DIRECTLY RELATED
TO THE ONGOING STUDIES ON CONSOLIDATION, AND
REFER THEM TO THE APPROPRIATE FINANCIAL COMMITTEES
FOR RESOLUTION.

3. THE MILITARY ATHORITIES HAVE TAKEN THE FOLLOWING
ACTIONS:

(A) SHAPE REQUESTED HQ ACCENT TO FORM AND CHAIR A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY FOR ADDITIONAL CONSOLIDATION OF COMMUNICATIONS IN THE CENTRAL REGION TO INCLUDE THE CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS BELOW THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF NATIONAL COMMAND. THE SUGGESTED MEMBERSHIP COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH PSCS AND THOSE NATIONS WITH FORCES STATIONED IN THE CENTRAL REGION AS WELL AS OBSERVERS FROM SHAPE AND NICSMA TO ENSURE THAT LONG RANGE PLANNING FOR THE REGION IS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

(B) THE WORKING GROUP HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED THAT THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC AREAS, INTER ALIA, SHOULD BE ADDRESSED DURING THE COUSE OF ITS STUDY:

(I) THE RESIDUAL EFFECTIVE OPERATIONAL LIFE OF THE SYSTEMS CONCERNED;

(II) WHETHER THE PLANNING AND/OR IMPLEMENTATION OF SYSTEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION ARE IN"PHASE; IF NOT, IT WOULD BE MOST DIFFICULT TO BRING THESE SYSTEMS TOGETHER WITHOUT DELAYING AND/OR REVISING, WITH THE RELATED COSTS, ONE OF THE SYSTEMS;

(III) WHETHER CONSOLIDATION WOULD DETRIMENTALLY AFFECT SURVIVABILITY AND FLEXIBILTY;

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(IV) WHETHER THE SYSTEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION ARE COMPATIBLE;

(V) THE BENEFITS TO BE ACCRUED FROM FIANNCIAL AND MANPOWER SAVINGS;

(VI) THE MUTUAL ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES;

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(VII) WHETHER THE CONSIDERATIONS MUST BE RESTRICTED TO NATIONAL DEFENCE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS ONLY OR WHETHER ALL NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS CAN BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT;

(VIII) THE CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN NATO AND NATIONS ON, INTER ALIA:

(1) THE CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONAL CONTROL AND MAINTENANCE OF A SYSTEM CONCURRENTLY USED FOR NATIONAL AND NATO COMMUNICATIONS;

(2) THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF USING ANOTHER AUTHORITY'S SYSTEM, TOGETHER WITH THOSE ASPECTS PERTAINING TO THE POSITION OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL HOST NATION:

(3) THE MANNING CONSEQUENCES, INCLUDING THE WARTIME STATUS OF CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

(4) THE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

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(IX) ELIGIBILITY FOR COMMON FUNDING;
(X) IMPACT ON TAND INTERACTION WITH THE PLANNED NICS.

4. IN ADDITION THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER ATLANTIC IS PRESENTLY DISCUSSING WITH THE US AUTHORITIES THE POSSIBILITIES OF CONSOLIDATING COMMUNICATION FACILITIES IN NORFOLK, VA.

5. NICSMA HAS ALREADY IDENTIFIED POTENTIAL AREAS WHERE THE PRINCIPLES OF RATIONALIZATION CAN BE PRACTICALLY APPLIED. THE POSSIBILITIES ARE MANIFESTED IN THE STUDY RELATING TO THE REFURBISHMENT/REPLACEMENT OF THE ACE HIGH NETWORK (NICSMA/HB(75)74 REFERS). AS DIRECTED BY THE JNCEC(AC/270-D/126), NICSMA INTENDS TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF INCORPORATING THESE POSSIBILITIES INTO THE PLAN FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF THIS NETWORK. OTHER SPECIFIC POSSIBILITIES FOR RATIONALIZING NATO AND NATIONAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS ARE IDENTIFIED IN NICSMA'S REPORT ON THE INTERCONNECT STUDY (NICSMA-D/63). IT WILL BE STUDIED INTO THE POSSIBLE USE OF, OR INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN, NATO AND NATIONAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS IS "THE EFFECTIVE UTILISATION OF AVAILABLE TRANSMISSION RESOURCES".

6. SEVERAL OTHER STUDIES ARE IN PROGRESS ON A BILATERAL BASIS.

(A) IN AUGUST 1974, THE MILITARY COMMITTEE APPROVED A SHAPE REPORT ON A JOINT SHAPE/US PROPOSAL TO INTERCONNECT THE NATO ACE HIGH SYSTEM WITH THE USDCS AT 13 LOCATIONS. SOME OF THE INTERCONNECTIONS HAVE NOW BEEN ACHIEVED AND OTHERS ARE UNDER DISCUSSION. SHAPE RECENTLY WITHDREW ITS RECOMMENDATION THAT THREE OF THESE INTERCONNECTIONS BE FUNDED IN INFRASTRUCTURE SLICE XXVI IN LIGHT OF THE PRESENT SEVERE CONSTRAINTS ON THE OVERALL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME IN THIS COST-SHARING PERIOD.

(B) THE US HAS OFFERED AND A SHAPE WORKING GROUP IS CONSIDERING THE VARIOUS FACETS OF THE USE OF THE US AUTODIN SYSTEM FOR NATO. WHEN THE REQUIREMENT FOR THIS USAGE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED NICSMA WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THESE DELIBERATIONS.

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(C) THE FUTURE CIP 67 SYSTEM IN GERMANY WILL AT SEVERAL PLACES BE CO-LOCATED WITH THE US DCS SO THAT MAXIMUM USE CAN BE MADE OF SHARING POWER UTILITIES, BUILDINGS, AND ANY OTHER COMMON INFRASTRUCTURE ITEMS. THIS IS ALSO APPLICABLE TO THE FUTURE CIP-67 SYSTEM IN THE NETHERLANDS AND BELIGUM THAT WILL BE COLOCATED AT SEVERAL PLACES WITH THE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS OF THE ROYAL NETHERLANDS AIR FORCE AND THE BELGIAN ARMY.

7. THOUGH NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE STUDY OF CONSOLIDATION, THE SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP (SCWG) OF THE NJCEC HAS INITIATED ACTION FOR THE STUDY OF A FUTURE SATCOM IV SYSTEM IN CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH THE US, UK, THE MNCS, STC AND NICSMA. THIS STUDY IS AIMED AT PROMOTING INTEROPERABILITY BETWEEN NATO AND NATIONAL SATCOM SYSTEMS AND COULD ALSO LEAD TO A JOINT SATCOM PROGRAMME.

8. ALL THE ABOVE ACTIONS HAVE PROMISING ASPECTS. NICSMA WILL PURSUE THE POSSIBILITIES REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 5 ABOVE AND AS TIME GOES ON THE RESULTS OF THIS STUDY WILL BECOME AVAILABLE. SHAPE HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO REPORT BACK IN TIME FOR A PROGRESS REPORT IN SPRING 1976 WHILST THE US BILATERAL EFFORTS ARE ALSO PROGRESSING AS THE SITUATION PERMITS. A SCWG REPORT HAS ALSO BEEN ASKED FOR IN SPRING 1976.

9. AS ALREADY OUTLINED IN THE EWG REPORT TO MINISTERS (DPC/D(75)10) CONSOLIDATION-AT A SIGNIFICANT SCALE-WILL ONLY BE POSSIBLE IF IT IS PLANNED DURING THE INITIAL STUDIES OF ANY COMMUNICATION PROJECT. NATIONS ARE THEREFORE ENCOURAGED TO

INFORM DG, NICSMA, AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE OF THEIR PLANNING OF NEW NETWORKS-AND SYSTEMS WHICH, IN THEIR VIEW, COULD BE USEFULLY CONSOLIDATED WITH NICS.

10. THE NJCEC IS INVITED TO:

(A) NOTE THE PROGRESS REPORT ABOVE:

(B) FORWARD THIS REPORT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EWB AS A CONTRIBUTION FOR ITS REPORT TO MINISTERS:

(C) AGREE TO ADVISE THE EWG THAT FUTURE PROGRESS REPORTS WILL BE MADE ON A YEARLY BASIS IN TIME FOR THE FALL MEETING OF MINISTERS OR AS SIGNIFICANT ADVANCES IN COMMUNICATIONS CONSOLIDATION ARE ACHIEVED.

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